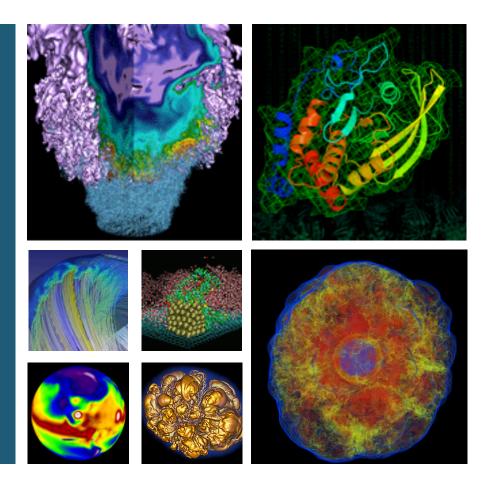
Git + Docker tutorial





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Preamble



This presentation, the tutorial material

- https://bitbucket.org/TWildish/git-docker-tutorial/get/master.zip
- https://www.nersc.gov/users/computational-systems/genepool/genepool-training-and-tutorials/

Pre-requisites

- See https://bitbucket.org/TWildish/git-docker-tutorial/overview
- Please tell me you did that already ©

Today:

- 3:00 − 4:00: git overview + hands-on exercises
- 4:00 5:00: docker overview + hands-on exercises
- Familiarity with what's possible, rather than a deep-dive
- Worked examples of how to do things





This tutorial



Git

- Basics of repositories, local and remote
- How to recover from mistakes
- Working with branches
- Working with teams

Docker

- Various ways to run & manage docker containers
- A real bioinformatics application example
 - Thanks to Michael Barton
- How to get data into/out of a docker container
- How to build a simple docker container
- Shifter docker on Cori, Edison, and (eventually) Genepool





Git history



- Git is a 'Version Control System', (VCS)
- Git manages collections of files (text, small binaries)
 - Tracks their history, versions
 - Tracks multiple development paths
 - Lets you recover previous versions
- Git is the VCS, don't bother with anything else
 - CVS: Concurrent Version System -> completely obsolete
 - SVN: SubVersioN -> mostly obsolete (should be!)
- Designed by Linus Torvalds (he who gave us Linux!)
- Q: What does 'git' stand for?





Why use git?



Security

- Never lose your code again
- Code is safe against disk failure/earthquakes/meteors

Convenience

- Easily deploy your code in several places
- Easily manage several versions (prod, dev, ...)

Community

- Share your code with others
- Accept bug-fixes & contributions in controlled manner

Did I mention...

Never lose your code again





Git components



- Command-line interface, the 'git' command
- Server 'hosting' platforms, web-interface, API
 - Github.com: the original git hosting service
 - Bitbucket.com: used by LBNL/JGI
 - Gitlab.com: recent platform with continuous integration
- Hosting platforms bring added value
 - Issue tracking: bug reports, coupled to git history
 - Wiki: managing documentation
 - Team mgmt: different roles (admin, developer, user)
 - Access mgmt: read/write, read-only, private, public
 - 'web-hooks': perform custom actions based on triggers





Git concepts



Repository

- Local or remote, a place where git keeps your files
 - On your local disk, or on a remote server

Working area

Part of your local repository, you edit your code there

Staging area

 Part of the local repository where git tracks changes to your working area

Branches, tags

Ways to manage sub-groups of files in a repository





Git workflow



- Change files in your working area
- Tell git about the changes
 - This adds the files to the 'staging area'
 - At this point, still possible to undo, leaving no trace
- Commit those changes
 - Make them permanent, add them to the repository
 - Now those changes can be recovered, anytime later
- Push the changes to a remote repository
 - Copy your local repository to a remote server
 - Now you have a remote backup





More git concepts



Clone

- A local copy of a remote repository
- You can change the clone you own it
- Access to remote repository controlled by its owner

Fork

- A remote copy of another remote repository
- You own the fork, which you can now clone and change

A non-concept: 'The Central Repository'

- Git is completely decentralized
- Can work with multiple remote repositories, simultaneously

Confused?

Let's get stuck into the exercises...





Git exercises

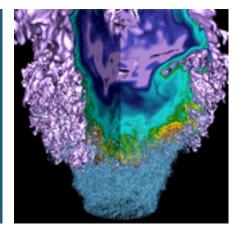


- Cookbook approach:
 - Can cut-&-paste, but better to type in commands yourself
- Today: do exercises 1, 3, and 4 if you have time
 - 1) Basic Commit and Tag
 - 2) Undoing Mistakes
 - 3) Using A Remote Repository
 - 4) Using Branches
 - 5) Working in Teams
- Feel free to work through the rest at your own pace

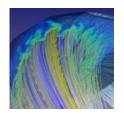




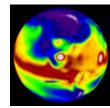
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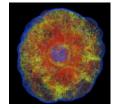


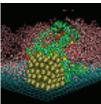
















Docker overview



Docker is a 'container technology'

- Linux-specific
 - can't run Mac OSX, Windows in docker containers
 - But can run docker containers on Mac OSX & Windows

Similar to virtual machines, but more lightweight

- Smaller, faster to start, easier to maintain and manage
- Lighter on system resources => vastly more scalable

Not a virtual machine

- Shares the underlying host operating system
- Less fully isolated from the host => security concerns
- More of an application-wrapper on steroids





Docker components



The 'docker' command-line tool

A bit of a kitchen-sink, your one-stop shop for everything docker

The docker-daemon

- Works behind the scenes to carry out actions
- Manages container images, processes
- Builds containers when requested
- Runs as root, not a user-space daemon

Docker.com

All things docker: installation, documentation, tutorials

Dockerhub.com

Repository of docker containers. Many other repositories exist





Docker concepts



Image

A shrink-wrapped chunk of s/w + its execution environment

Image tags

- Identify different versions of an image
- A namespace for separating your images from other peoples

Image registry

- A place for sharing images with a wider community
- Dockerhub.com, plus some domain-specific registries

Container

A process instantiated from an image

Dockerfile

- A recipe for building an image: download, compile, configure...
- Can share either the Dockerfile, or the image, or both





Docker images: layers



Images use the 'overlay filesystem' concept

- Image is built by adding layers to a base
- Each command in the Dockerfile adds a new layer
- Each layer is cached independently
- Layers can be shared between multiple images
- Change in one layer invalidates all following layers
 - Forces rebuild (similar to 'make' dependencies...)

Performance considerations

- Too many layers can impede performance
- Too few can cause excessive rebuilding
- Building production-quality images takes care, practice





Docker exercises



- Again, a cookbook approach
- Today: 1, 3 and 4 are most interesting
 - 1) Running Images
 - 2) Cleaning up
 - 3) Running a Biobox Container
 - 4) Creating a Docker Image
 - 5) Running on Cori with Shifter









